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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Acquisitions Branch, CIA Library *ACM*
SUBJECT: Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies

1. The Association for Asian Studies will hold its annual meeting in the Somerset Hotel, Boston, from 2-4 April 1962.

2. The agenda for the three-day meeting includes many subjects of interest to our operation. In particular, the Committee on American Library Resources on the Far East is scheduled to discuss such subjects as: 1) Chicom Government's export ban on publications and its continued effects on acquisition programs; 2) Current status of Berton Guide-the control of sources for the study of contemporary China; 3) the Association's support of major research on the economy of Communist China, etc.

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3. [REDACTED] has received, during the past year and half, a considerable volume of Chicom S & T publications from CIA Library, Midwest Inter-Library Center and numerous other sources.

4. Harvard University's Chinese-Japanese Library has received some Chicom publications through its many procurement sources, including exchanges with the National Library of Peking.

5. Since the subjects to be discussed at the Association meeting provide opportunities to acquire information of value to our acquisition programs, as well as to renew direct contacts with scholars engaged in Chicom acquisition programs at various universities, it is requested that the undersigned be permitted to attend this annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, to be held at the time and place cited above. It is further requested that an additional two (2) days (5 and 6 April 1962) be authorized as official duty to survey the holdings and acquisition programs of Harvard's Chinese-Japanese Library and the M.I.T. Libraries.

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